

## **Amendments to the Claims**

- 1     1     (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product  
2     comprising:
- 3     a)     a mouthpiece having an inside surface and an outside surface,  
4           comprising a first end defining a receptacle therein and a second  
5           end comprising an outside surface capable of being grasped in a  
6           smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber within the  
7           mouthpiece, wherein said mouthpiece ~~is constructed out of a single~~  
8           ~~piece of molded plastic~~ consists of a single piece of molded plastic ;  
9           and
- 10     b)     a holder, the holder being directly inserted into the receptacle, the  
11           holder comprising
- 12           i)     a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an  
13           inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco  
14           product in place and allowing a volume for collection of  
15           combustion products therein, the first section having an  
16           outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the  
17           receptacle in the mouth piece,
- 18           ii)     a second section in series with the first section and having  
19           an inside and an outside surface, the second section  
20           contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and  
21           defining a continuation of the inside chamber,
- 22           iii)     a first annular support and a second annular support on the  
23           outside surface of the second section, each annular support  
24           being capable of holding a resilient ring thereon,
- 25           iv)     an annular baffle on the outside surface of the second  
26           section between the first annular support and the second  
27           annular support, and
- 28           v)     two resilient rings, one resilient ring supported on each  
29           annular support, wherein the mouthpiece and the holder are  
30           contoured such that when the holder is inserted into the

31 mouthpiece the two resilient rings are in snug contact with  
32 the inner surface of the mouthpiece forming a sealed  
33 chamber between them in the annular space between the  
34 outside surface of the second section and the inside surface  
35 of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines at least  
36 one restricted passage from the inside chamber to the  
37 sealed chamber, said at least one restricted passage being  
38 directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece  
39 between the two annular supports, and wherein the holder  
40 further defines an exit passage having at least one inlet  
41 between the baffle and the second annular support and an  
42 exit into the outlet chamber of the mouthpiece, and wherein  
43 the mouthpiece is constructed from holder consists of a  
44 single piece of molded plastic.

1 2 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the holder further comprises a  
2 barrier in series with the second inside chamber such that combustion  
3 products can only pass between the inside chamber and the outlet  
4 chamber through a path through the restricted passage, the sealed  
5 chamber and the exit passage in sequence.

1 3 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

1 4 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigarette with an integral filter.

1 5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a  
2 cigar.

- 1 6 (previously presented)The article of claim 6 wherein the resilient rings are  
2 o-rings.
- 1 7 (original) The article of claim 2 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises  
2 polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the  
3 resilient rings are rubber o-rings.
- 1 8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has  
2 symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular  
3 to the central plane is circular.
- 1 9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage  
2 is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion  
3 products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in  
4 passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.
- 1 10 (original) The article of claim 9 wherein the at least one restricted passage  
2 comprises two diametrically opposed passages through the holder.
- 1 11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change  
2 in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction  
3 by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and  
4 the outlet chamber.
- 1 12 (original) The article of claim 11 wherein the at least one inlet to the exit  
2 passage comprises two diametrically opposed passages through the  
3 holder.
- 1 13 (Cancelled).

1 14 (currently amended) A process for smoking an elongate tobacco product  
2 so as to reduce the amount of tarry materials consumed comprising the  
3 acts of:  
4 a) placing the elongate tobacco product in a receptacle of a holder, a  
5 portion of the holder behind the receptacle being directly and  
6 removably inserted into a mouthpiece wherein the holder and the  
7 mouthpiece are each made from consist of a single piece of molded  
8 plastic;  
9 b) lighting the elongate tobacco product and applying suction to the  
10 holder through the mouthpiece such that combustion products are  
11 drawn through the holder;  
12 c) passing the combustion products through a restricted passage such  
13 that the combustion products accelerate, expand and impinge on a  
14 side of the mouthpiece into a single sealed chamber formed in an  
15 annular space between the holder and the mouthpiece between  
16 two resilient rings each forming a seal between the mouthpiece and  
17 the holder;  
18 d) allowing tarry materials to condense within said sealed chamber;  
19 and  
20 e) drawing the remaining combustion products over a baffle into an  
21 outlet passage leading to an exit of the mouthpiece whereto suction  
22 is applied.

1 15 (original) The process of claim 14 further comprising allowing tarry  
2 material to accumulate in the sealed chamber.

1 16 (original) The process of claim 15 further comprising the acts of a person  
2 grasping the portion of the holder extending outside of the mouthpiece in  
3 one hand and the mouthpiece in another hand and pulling the holder out  
4 of the mouthpiece, and cleaning an outer surface of the holder and an  
5 inner surface of the mouthpiece.

- 17 (original) The process of claim 16 further comprising the act of replacing the holder in the mouthpiece.
- 18 (original) The process of claim 17 wherein the elongated tobacco product is chosen from the group consisting of cigarettes of the type without an integral filter, cigarettes with of the type with an integral filter, and cigars.